

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Udo FRIESE Conf. No.: 9080  
Serial No.: 10/531,424 Group: 3726  
Filed: October 17, 2005 Examiner: Rick Kiltae Chang  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A  
PNEUMATIC TIRE RIM

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement in the Office Action dated May 14, 2009.

Applicant elects Invention Group I. Applicant further elects Species 4 – Figure 4 and respectfully traverses this Species election.

Applicant submits that Figures 1-4 represent steps in the process of the method claims and, therefore, a required election of Species among Figures 1-4 is inappropriate. Applicant therefore requests withdrawal of the requirement for a Species election for Group I and consideration of Figures 1-4 during prosecution of the method Claims 1-7, 17 and 18. Applicant submits that Claims 1-7, 17 and 18 read on the elected Species – which Species should include Figures 1-4, as noted above.

Claims 1-18 have been amended to reflect their current status and Claim 17 has been amended to correct a spelling error.

In view of all of the above, the Application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (808/43903).

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment: Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

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